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### **NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting:

- On February 6, 2001, the Board of Supervisors declared their intent to reduce San Bernardino County's electricity usage by 10%. In order to determine whether or not that goal had been reached, numerous County facilities and sites were surveyed, revealing that the County has exceeded its goal and has reduced electricity usage by 14.19%. Today, the Board adopted a resolution establishing the new electricity conservation goal of the County at 15%. The Board also designated a member of the County staff to serve as the Energy Conservation and Efficiency Coordinator to communicate with the State on energy efficiency and conservation matters. Furthermore, a request for proposals will be issued to seek a vendor to retrofit or replace over 18,000 light fixtures to make them more energy efficient.

"I am extremely pleased to see that we have not only met, but have exceeded our electricity conservation goals," said Board Chairman Fred Aguiar. "By setting the bar even higher, the Board has demonstrated its commitment to doing what is necessary to successfully weather the energy crisis."

- The Board approved an agreement in the amount of \$132,500 with the Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) to provide economic development services to the County of San Bernardino. The County has contracted with the IEEP for several years to attract new investment and business activity to the County. It also assists existing business in the development of expansion and growth opportunities. There are seven IEEP offices located throughout the Inland Empire, including one in the City of Ontario.

"The Inland Empire Economic Partnership has been very successful in attracting new business to the County and in assisting businesses already in the County in their expansion efforts," said

Supervisor Fred Aguiar. “This contract will allow the IEEP to continue their role in making San Bernardino County an economically strong and attractive place to do business.”

- Vacancies on each the County’s two Assessment Appeals Boards were filled today. Donald A. Cox of Apple Valley was appointed as an at-large alternate to the Assessment Appeals Board A. Richard G. Simon of Yucaipa was appointed as an at-large alternate to the Assessment Appeals Board B. The Assessment Appeals Boards handle disputes over the valuation of property that cannot be resolved by discussions with the Assessor's Office. They are independent panels composed of private citizens appointed by the Board of Supervisors and consider all evidence presented by the property owner and the Assessor's Office at a formal hearing. The Appeals Boards then establish the value of the property in question.

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